

Showers Tonight and Friday.

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## CAPITAL PREPARES BIG RECEPTION FOR MUNSEY TOURISTS

Travelers Will Be Escorted In From Soldiers' Home Saturday Afternoon.

COURSE WILL LEAD TO MUNSEY BUILDING

City Extends Hospitality to Contestants—Awards Will Be Made Monday.

### Reception Arrangements for Munsey Tourists

Washington automobilists will meet in front of Munsey building at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Local autoists with reception committee and marshal, will meet tourists at Soldiers' Home at 4 o'clock.

Return will be made to Munsey building after reception at Soldiers' Home.

Pennants will be provided to local automobilists at Munsey building Saturday afternoon.

Prizes to be awarded Monday evening.

Contestants will remain in city for three days.

With every possible arrangement made for the convenience and entertainment of the participants, with automobile enthusiasts of Washington joining in the welcome, and under every other propitious circumstance possible of conception by a committee planning for the event, the famous Munsey Historic Run will come to its end in front of the Munsey building at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

The reception will begin at Soldiers' Home at 4 o'clock. During the hour intervening, Washington, which is preparing to turn out by the thousands, will offer its official as well as its unofficial and cordial welcome to the 119 persons occupying the thirty-eight cars which have made the circuitous course from Philadelphia.

Already the hospitality of practically the entire city has been generously offered the tourists.

Intently Watching Contest.

For two weeks Washington has been intently watching the course of the cars which started on their tour of the New England States. Unusual interest has been manifested, in part, owing to the fact that this historic run is the most important automobile event of the year.

Washington automobilists wishing to join the reception party are expected to assemble in front of the Munsey Building at 3 o'clock sharp Saturday afternoon. They will be presented with flags and pennants and at a given signal they will make the trip to Soldiers' Home by this route.

From the Munsey Building to Thirtieth street; north on Thirtieth street to Iowa circle, thence east on Rhode Island avenue to North Capitol street to Michigan avenue, west on Michigan avenue to First street at Soldiers' Home, where the cars will be received. The Washington automobilists upon reaching Soldiers' Home will face south in First street in a double column.

Then after the informal welcome has been extended at the meeting point the Munsey tourists will return to the Munsey Building by way of this route:

The Return Route.  
South on First street to N street; west on N street to New Jersey avenue; south on New Jersey avenue to First street at G street; then south on First street to Pennsylvania avenue; west on

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## WEATHER REPORT.

The tropical storm in the West Indies is central southwest of Haiti, and apparently moving in a west-northwest course. Its center not having passed over any land station, the intensity of this disturbance remains unknown.

The Lake storm will move eastward and cause showers tonight or Friday in all districts east of the Mississippi river. A change to considerably cooler weather will overspread the Eastern half of the country within the next thirty-six hours.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Unsettled weather, with showers tonight or Friday; cooler Friday; moderate to brisk south and southwest winds.

TEMPERATURES.	
8 a. m.	72
9 a. m.	74
10 a. m.	76
11 a. m.	77
12 noon.	78
1 p. m.	79
2 p. m.	80

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide at 11:25 a. m. and 11:50 p. m.; low tide at 5:34 a. m. and 6:47 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide at 12:12 a. m. and low tide at 6:27 a. m. and 6:34 p. m.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises ..... 5:21  
Sun sets ..... 6:42

CONDITION OF THE RIVERS.  
HARPER'S FERRY, W. Va., Aug. 25.—Both rivers clear this morning.

Flooding—Georgia Pine—\$3.50 per 100 ft. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave. —Adv.

## Smart Set Critic



COUNTESS THAMARA DE SVINSKY, Russian Dancer Who Says American Women Are Slavish Followers of Fashion and Are Not Original.

## CALLS AMERICANS SLAVES TO FASHION

Russian "Countess-Dancer" Criticises the Smart Set of Newport.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The Countess Thamar de Svinisky, a Russian, who has been at Newport teaching wealthy society women to dance as well as if they were Greek maidens without a draught of champagne, is at the Hotel Knickerbocker today.

The countess evidently hasn't been much impressed by her association with our very best set as represented at the famous resort. Here are a few of her comments:

"No woman will ever be beautiful until she forgets there is such a word as fashion."

"To me the American women seem slavish followers of fashion."

"At Newport the woman flatter themselves that they have the fashions of Europe, but it is not so. Everything is exaggerated to them."

"They seek not to have gowns that express their personalities, but personalities that match their caricatures of gowns."

"There can be no grace with corsets. How can you expect grace from constraint?"

"The only woman that does not care about being beautiful is she who has despaired of ever becoming so."

"Originality is the secret of beauty, and yet from the original to the ridiculous there is only one step, and, naturally, every woman fears that she may take it."

The countess practices what she preaches in that she wears no corsets.

Mrs. Astor was the only woman of the Newport set whom the countess exempted from criticism.

She pronounced Mrs. Astor as "a perfect woman, perfectly dressed."

## BALLOON EXPLODES; SPECTATORS ESCAPE

Philadelphia II Collapses As Dr. Thomas Eldridge Is About to Ascend.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 25.—The balloon Philadelphia II, which holds all the local records for ascensions, collapsed today at Point Breeze, after gas had exploded its huge bag.

Dr. Thomas Eldridge, president of the Philadelphia Aeronautical Society, who was about to enter the basket when the explosion occurred, and several spectators had narrow escapes. The balloon will be sent to New York for repairs.

## BOY KILLS MOTHER WITH A GIFT GUN

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Louis Thompson, twelve years old, of Pittsford, Pa., is on the verge of prostration today for having accidentally shot and killed his mother.

Yesterday he received a rifle as a present. Loading it he turned to his mother, who was standing nearby, and remarked:

"Look, mother, this is the way I would kill a burglar if he entered the house."

He pointed the gun toward his parent and by accident there was a discharge, the bullet entering her face below the left eye and killing her instantly.

## EIGHT KNOWN DEAD, 3 FATALLY INJURED IN BURNING WRECK

Grand Trunk Passengers In Rear-End Collision In Michigan.

ABSENCE OF LIGHTS CAUSE OF THE WRECK

Rescuers, Driven Back By Flames, See Several Bodies Consumed By Fire.

DURAND, Mich., Aug. 25.—Eight terribly scalded, burned, and mangled lifeless bodies, three persons probably fatally injured, three others missing, and five others seriously hurt, is the known result of a frightful wreck on the Grand Trunk at Durand, near here, just before midnight.

The Montreal Express, from Chicago, consisting of nine coaches, stopped at Durand, East of Durand, to make some repairs, when train No. 4, running thirty-five minutes late, crashed into the rear end, splitting the Pullman into and hurling the passengers in every direction.

The wreckage caught fire immediately, and the cries of the dying and injured rose above the crackling of the blazing ruins. When some of the bodies of the dead were taken from the wreck they were so frightfully burned and mangled that identification was impossible.

Positive statements of the rescuers on the scene in the first hours following the wreck were that seventeen were killed. They still insist that there are other dead besides the eight bodies already recovered, and even the railroad readers at the scene think the list will total the first estimate.

The confusion has been so great at this little junction that the Grand Trunk has not yet made an official statement.

No. 14, a Chicago-Toronto train, had stopped on account of a breakdown in the engine. Engineer Mitchell was beneath the engine at work, and G. R. Graham, a brakeman, had been sent back to signal No. 4 to stop.

No. 4 crashed into the rear of No. 14, telescoping the sleeper, and catching the passengers in their berths. The wrecked sleeping car caught fire at once and burned so rapidly that only two bodies were recovered intact.

Engineer Mitchell's body was crushed by the wheels of his engine, which was forced ahead by the crash.

Rescued Passenger Talks.

Clinton A. Davis, of Montreal, was one of the occupants of the sleeper. His head and breast were badly mangled. He was brought to Durand, and attending physicians say he may recover.

Davis said that his mother, an invalid, whom he was taking home from Fargo, N. D., and a trained nurse from St. John's Hospital in that city, whose name he did not know, were caught in the wreck and their bodies were burned. Parts of five bodies were recovered later. One body is that of a woman. The torso of a child and the torso of a man also were recovered.

Another was seen burning in the wreckage and could not be reached, the bones dropping piece by piece as they burned.

No Rear Lights, Says Engineer.

Charles Spencer, of Battle Creek, engineer of No. 4, says he heard a torpedo planted on the track to stop him and put on air, but that No. 14 carried no rear lights. Spencer escaped by jumping and called to his fireman, George Nelson, of Battle Creek.

Nelson was unable to get clear of the cab, and his whole body was scalded as he lay beneath the engine.

A wrecking train from Battle Creek with doctors and nurses has reached the scene of the wreck and a systematic search for the dead has begun.

Train No. 4 is a fast Grand Trunk train, carrying Pullmans for Boston, Portland, Montreal, and Toronto, and was running at a speed of forty-five miles an hour when the accident occurred.

R. V. Lewis, a newspaper man from Paducah, Ky., with four other men, was in the front coach of the wrecked train.

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## BODY OF YOUNG TAGGART CARRIED AWAY BY TIDES

SCORES DRAGGING POTOMAC WATERS FOR DEAD HERO

Little Hope of Recovering Lifeless Form of Drowning Victim.

SAVES GIRLS' LIVES AND THEN SINKS

Father of Deceased In Serious Condition Since Report Is Received.

Scores of men dragged the bottom of the Potomac in the vicinity of Colonial Beach all day for the body of Courtney B. Taggart, of this city, who lost his life there yesterday morning, while rescuing two girls of his bathing party. Old river men afterward expressed the opinion that the body had been washed miles away by the tides.

The condition of the drowned man's father, William S. Taggart, who has been confined to his home, 363 French street northwest, for several weeks, was aggravated by the news of his son's death.

The young women for whom young Taggart gave his life are Cora and Lena Thomas, of 1824 Eighth street northwest. They are sisters of his fiancée, Edna Thomas, to whom he was to have been married next month. The young woman is prostrated. The girls are daughters of Mrs. Mary E. Thomas.

Water Over Their Heads.

The party was camping at the beach. Cora and Lena Thomas went out in a canoe in bathing suits. Abandoning the craft, they began to wade and splash around. Suddenly they found themselves in water over their heads.

## WILL SUE HEINZE, SAYS MRS. FRENCH

Declares She Will Not Allow Millionaire to Marry Another.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The love feud between F. Augustus Heinze, the copper millionaire, and Mrs. Lillian Hobart French is waxing hotter every day.

Heinze is engaged to marry Bernice Henderson, Mrs. French declares that she will sue him if he marries any other than herself.

She gave out today what she called the "tale of her life." In it she says: "This is a plain unvarnished tale of my life. I am not attempting to protect myself or others. I met F. Augustus Heinze in 1888—twelve years ago. We have been very friendly since that time. I knew about this other woman some time ago. If a man is foolish enough to take up with another woman after he has declared his fidelity to another let him do so. This is not a case of jealousy, but of justice."

"Since the day I met Mr. Heinze I have devoted the best years of my life to him."

"Mr. Heinze met the woman to whom he says he is engaged while she was playing 'The Vampire' at that time she was living at a party known as the Golden Sisters. They were known as the Golden Sisters. It was at this party she met her former husband, Charles Henderson."

"Since 1898 I have devoted my life to Mr. Heinze. I have lived the life of a hermit so that nobody would know of our friendship. No one would have ever heard of Mrs. French."

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COURTNEY B. TAGGART, Washingtonian Who Gave Life To Rescue Friends In Surf.

As they struggled for their lives a large group on the shore laughed at them, thinking they were cutting up.

One of the girls shrieked despairingly for help. Taggart swam to them at top speed, while William F. Kelly, another member of the party, went for the drifting canoe.

Mustering all of his strength, Taggart held the two girls' heads above water, with his own head submerged. Realizing that his strength was leaving him, he urged the girls to try to swim or float. Lena Thomas struggled until she reached shallow water and then waded ashore.

Cora Thomas swam for the first time in her life. While she was still struggling a sailboat picked her up and conveyed her ashore.

When those on land looked around for Taggart he was not in sight. He had already succumbed and gone to the bottom.

Taggart was a graduate of Central High School and was employed by the American Security and Trust Company. He was prominent in athletics and pitched the team for the baseball team of the American Security and Trust Company.

His mother and two sisters were summoned from Braddock Heights, Md., where they were spending a vacation. "The spot where Taggart lost his life is known as the 'first channel.' It is so treacherous that most swimmers avoid it."

## NO FEDERAL AID FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

Maimed Volunteers Will Go Penniless Unless Special Law Is Passed.

Citizen volunteers, maimed in the fight against the vast forest fires which have raged in the West for the past week, have no claim against the Government. Nor need the widows and orphans of those killed look to Washington for reparation unless special legislation is had for them.

The abatement of the great fires, the progress in the rescue work, the presence of Henry S. Graves, Government forester, at Missoula, Mont., today, mark the beginning of the end, say the forest service officials, of one of the most appalling chapters in the entire history of conservation, and from among the smoke and smoldering flames to arise the question, "What is to be done for the bereaved?"

Within a few weeks, at the most, the actual loss occasioned by the flames will be known, for within the next few days scores of estimators will take the blackened trail of the fire to discover how much of the Government's timber resources still stands.

Light rains and snows, extending to the Absaroka and Lolo Forests, in Montana, is responsible for the new hope which is manifested in the simple statement of Associate Forester Potter at the Forest Service this morning. "We feel that the worst is past," he said.

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## BAILEFFS TO COLLECT PERSONAL TAXES

District Official Determined to Allow No Further Delay.

Wholesale seizures of personal property for non-payment of taxes are planned by Charles C. Rogers, Collector of Taxes, beginning September 1.

Collector Rogers announced today his intention of sending eight bailiffs armed with police authority into the field for the purpose of appraising the property of delinquents. Those who fail by September 1 to settle in full the delinquencies of the District, according to Mr. Rogers, will suffer the loss of their property as provided by law.

Taxes on personal property must be paid by June 1, in order to avoid a penalty of 1 per cent a month which accrues after that date. On September 1 the penalty will amount to 3 per cent.

Rich Class Included.

"While the majority of the residents of the District have paid their personal taxes there are hundreds, many of them persons of wealth, who have failed to settle their obligations with the District," said Collector Rogers today. "The law authorizes me to collect these taxes and I am going to collect them."

"Every opportunity is afforded citizens to pay their taxes without personal inconvenience. Those who fail to take advantage of this must suffer the consequences. I shall not resort to letters of appeal, but will direct my bailiffs to seize the property of delinquents in order that the claims of the District may be satisfied."

Treat All Alike.

"It is not my intention to work a hardship on any one. The man with a horse and wagon upon which he is dependent for a living will receive consideration, but the owners of motor cars and costly furniture and paintings will be compelled to settle. Otherwise a wagon will back up at their door and they will lose some of their most valued possessions. My instructions to the bailiffs are to be courteous, but firm, and not to come back without the money."

The law provides that when personal taxes are not paid on or before June 1, the Collector of Taxes, or his deputy, may let sufficient goods and chattels to pay the taxes together with the penalty and costs.

SOLDIER REFUSED TRIFLING CLAIM

A claim for 55 cents against the War Department, made by George W. Lambert, formerly a private in the Twenty-sixth Infantry, was turned down by the auditor on the ground that it was "an amount too small to warrant a settlement."

An appeal was taken to the Comptroller of the Treasury, who upholds the auditor, and says that the refusal to allow the amount is in accordance with a practice of the auditor's office. The comptroller also said: "It is a maxim that the law does not notice or care for trifling matters which the auditor has applied in this case, and I do not feel justified in reversing his action."

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## ROOSEVELT ASSAILS CROOKS IN SPEECH; DEPARTS FOR WEST

Gets Rousing Reception At Breakfast Spread In Buffalo, N. Y.

OFF TO CHEYENNE IN FIGHTING MOOD

Outlook In New York, Judged By Public Attitude, Gives Him Pleasure.

### Incidents of the Western Tour of Roosevelt.

Gets rousing breakfast reception in Buffalo, N. Y.

Interviews Abe Greiner, political power in western New York.

Inveighs against crookedness in politics.

Affirms satisfaction with outlook in home State.

Ignores peace overtures from at least one organization leader.

By JOHN SNURE.

DUNKIRK, N. Y., Aug. 25.—A rousing reception and breakfast at the Ellicott Club in Buffalo at 6:30 this morning, attended by a large assemblage of leading business men and politicians of the city, showed the enthusiasm felt in the western end of New York State over the advent of Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

Despite the fact that breakfast came at so early an hour, the club rooms were filled and of the hundreds of seats at the tables, none was vacant. Colonel Roosevelt was immensely pleased by the nature of his reception and told his hosts that he was glad he did not get in at 3 in the morning, as he did not know what form of entertainment they might have given him.

Political significance was attached to a talk Roosevelt found time to have with Postmaster Abe Greiner, of Buffalo, a political power in the western end of the State. Greiner expected to line up with Roosevelt in the fight that is probably coming at the Saratoga convention against the Woodruff-Barnes organization and its leaders.

Honesty Comes First.

In his speech at the Ellicott Club function the former President named no names, but it was felt that he had the New York situation in mind when he said:

"I believe in party government. But wherever a question of honesty is involved, I recognize no party distinctions or, if I make any distinctions I regard it as a little more my business to hunt out of public life a crook who belongs to my own party than one who belongs to the other party."

The colonel further inveighed against crooked work along familiar lines and scored the rich crook and the poor one alike. He declared the standard of public morals and decency must be kept high. His speech was chiefly in favor of preserving the Great Lakes from pollution, but what he had to say about public morals and decency was what brought out the most enthusiasm.

It was generally felt that his utterance of these subjects were along the line that he intends to follow in making the fight he expects at Saratoga.

Meets Rough Rider.

One of the incidents that pleased the crowd at the breakfast was the greeting exchanged between Roosevelt and Dolman Tony Gavin, a former Rough Rider. Gavin found his way to Roosevelt's place at breakfast, and there was a warm exchange between them and the colonel.

Roosevelt departed from New York State and headed for the West today feeling apparently deeply satisfied over his reception through New York State, and over the political outlook there. He has made it plain he feels that he has the organization leaders just where he wants them. That is, they have taken the aggressive in an attack on him with respect to the temporary chairmanship. Now he feels free to fight them and show them no consideration.

It is learned there are signs that some of the New York organization leaders are weakening. At least one of them has lately sent overtures of peace to Roosevelt, who has refused to pay any heed. Gavin found his way to Roosevelt's place at breakfast, and there was a warm exchange between them and the colonel.

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The conference of Roosevelt with State Secretary Davenport yesterday has led to the belief in some quarters that Roosevelt will back Davenport for the nomination for governor. It is known he is being considered as available.

In the course of his breakfast speech at the Ellicott Club Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Don't let a man think he is to be pitied, because he listens to the voice of the corrupt financier. My experience is that a man who goes wrong while in the employ of a corporation is a crook from the start, and he will just as quickly, when backed into a corner, blackmail that corporation."

If the people at large pass by the effort to find this crook, if they fail to condemn his actions, they'll have themselves to thank in the end. You

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